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## DEPOSITION OF SULFATE, CHLORIDE AND SODIUM AT JAPANESE METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORIES AND ON THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC

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A simple plastic sampler was tested to get the information on the deposition amount of chemical components throughout Japan and the neighbouring regions. Polypropylene cylinders of diameter 117 mm which contained 300 ml pure water were set in the observation fields and kept open for one month. At the end of the month the samplers were covered with caps and sent to Meteorological College, Kashiwa, Chiba. The sample solutions were filtered through Millipore filter (0.45  $\mu$ m pore size) and used for the determination by ion chromatography, atomic absorption and flame emission analyses. Monthly deposition amounts of sulfate, chloride and sodium ions were determined simultaneously at 21 Japanese meteorological observatories in June and October 1987. Similar samples were also set on the upper deck of RV Ryofu-maru for 4-7 days during cruises across the western North Pacific in 1987 and 1988. The deposition amount of  $SO_4(excess)$  ( $SO_4 - Na \times SO_4(seasalt)/Na(seasalt)$ ) was calculated. The strongest source regions of SO4(excess) were found to be on the Pacific side of Honshu, where big cities such as Tokyo and Osaka are situated. The deposition amount generally decreased depending upon the distance from these sources. Another strong source region of  $SO_4$ (excess) was Kagoshima. It is suggested that the deposition at this station was influenced by the volcanic activity of Mt. Sakurajima, because the deposition amount of Cl(excess) was also found to be high, reflecting the composition of the volcanic gases of this region.

KEY WORDS: Deposition, sulfate, chloride, sodium, Japanese archipelago, western North Pacific.

#### INTRODUCTION

Elevations in the acidity of rain and/or snow is increasingly becoming an important environmental problem of special concern even in Japan. Previously little apparent environment damage has been produced in that country by acid rain or acid deposition, except for some adverse effects on cedar trees in the Kanto area<sup>1</sup> and some acute effects on groups of students due to photochemical oxidants.<sup>2</sup> The international nature of this problem has been understood in Europe and North America because airborne pollution can influence neighbouring countries as well as the source regions.<sup>3-6</sup> In order to determine the chemical

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characteristics of the deposition throughout Japan, the authors have measured the monthly chemical deposition at 11 stations in Japan for two years.<sup>7</sup>

In this study, to get more information, the authors evaluated samples of total deposition (wet and dry deposition) by simple methods using plastic samplers simultaneously at 21 stations (including 10 stations previously reported<sup>7</sup>) throughout Japan and on a research vessel which cruised the western North Pacific in 1987 and 1988.

It is not easy to estimate the amount of chemical deposition over the ocean, mainly owing to the difficulty in collecting proper samples. Some attempts have been made to obtain samples on-board ship to estimate the actual amount of deposition of chemical components, especially sulfate, which come from anthropogenic activities.<sup>8,9</sup> The difficulties encountered were, for example: low efficiency of sampling on a moving ship in strong wind; the significant effect of the burning of fossil fuel by the engine of ship, rendering the sampling site inappropriate; and insufficient numbers and locations of ships during the seasons when data were required. Although these problems still remain, fairly good samples were obtained during some sampling periods to evaluate the air quality over the open ocean in this study.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

#### Collection of Samples

Two polypropylene cylinders of diameter 117 mm, containing 300 ml pure water, were set in each of the observation fields of 11 meteorological stations (Figure 1). These cylinders were kept open for one month during the period June to October 1987. At the end of each month the cylinders were covered with caps and sent to the Meteorological College at Kashiwa, Chiba prefecture, for analysis. At the 10 observation fields previously reported,  $0.5 \text{ m}^2$  samplers of stainless steel were used as before.<sup>7</sup>

At the observation field of Meteorological College, wet only samples were also collected using similar plastic bottles; these were set just before every incidence of rain and removed after the rain had stopped as soon as possible. The difference between total deposition and wet deposition was defined as dry deposition.

For the samples taken over the ocean, similar polypropylene cylinders were set on the top of the upper deck, where the minimum contamination from the ship itself and from the seawater spray was expected. The samplers were changed every 4–7 days with new ones having 300 ml pure water in them. They were capped and sent to Meteorological College after the cruises (Ry8706, 8709, 8710 and 8801). When the samples were suspected to be contaminated by seawater, they were not included in the data analysis. Samples taken when the ship was in port were also eliminated because some contamination from other ships was suspected.

## Determination of Chemical Components.

Upon arrival, each sample solution was filtered through a Millipore filter (0.45  $\mu$ m



Figure 1 Sampling stations in the Japanese archipelago and the route map for cruises Ry8706, Ry8709, Ry8710 and Ry8801

1.	Wakkanai	45 25 N, 141 41 E,	2.8 m	b
2.	Asahikawa	4346 , 14222 ,	111.9	а
3.	Sapporo	4303 , 14120 ,	17.2	b
4.	Hakodate	4149,14045,	33.2	a
5.	Morioka	3942 , 14110 ,	155.2	a
6.	Akita	3943,14006,	9.4	b
7.	Sendai	3816,14054,	38.9	b
8.	Fukushima	3745,14028,	67.4	а
9.	Niigata	3755,13903,	1.9	a
10.	Wajima	37 23 , 136 54 ,	5.2	b
11.	Utsunomiya	3633, 13952,	118.9	a
12.	Kashiwa	3551, 13958,	18.7	a
13.	Tokyo	3541,13946,	5.3	b
14.	Maizuru	3527,13519,	2.5	а
15.	Yonago	3526,13321,	6.4	b
16.	Osaka	3441 ,13531 ,	23.1	a,b
17.	Takamatsu	3419,13403,	8.7	a
18.	Fukuoka	3335,13023,	2.5	b
19.	Kagoshima	3134 , 13033 ,	4.2	а
20.	Naze	28 23 , 129 30 ,	2.8	а
21.	Ishigaki	24.20 , 124.10 ,	5.7	Ь

a: 117 mm diameter polypropylene sampler; b:  $0.5 \, m^2$  stainless-steel sampler.

Sampling period	Na <sup>+</sup>	<i>K</i> <sup>+</sup>	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	$\frac{NH_4^+}{(mg/m^2)}$	CI-	NO <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
A, 1 month	60.0	7.8	63.0	14.5	83.8	134.5	209.7	349.6
B, 5 days	66.1	42.0	59.0	14.1	229.6	130.1	198.4	347.7
A/B	0.91	0.18	1.07	1.03	0.37	1.03	1.06	1.01

Table 1 Comparison of the sampling period on the deposition of chemical components (November 1987, at Kashiwa)

A and B: average of duplicates.

pore size). The concentrations of chloride (Cl<sup>-</sup>), nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>) and sulfate (SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2</sup><sup>-</sup>) was determined by ion exchange chromatography using a YEW IC 100, a Dionex 10 and Qic ion chromatograph analyzers. The concentrations of sodium (Na<sup>+</sup>) and potassium (K<sup>+</sup>) were determined by flame emission spectrometry and those of calcium (Ca<sup>2+</sup>) and magnesium (Mg<sup>2+</sup>) by atomic absorption spectrometry using a Hitachi 170–30 atomic absorption/flame emission spectrometer.

#### Comparison of Two Samplers

At the observation field of Osaka Meteorological Station, both types of samplers, a  $0.5 \text{ m}^2$  stainless steel cylinder<sup>7</sup> and 117 mm dia. polypropylene samplers, were set for the same sampling period in June 1987. The results of the analysis showed that the deposition amounts of Na<sup>+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup> and SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> agreed to within 15%. Those for Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup> agreed to within 35% but those for K<sup>+</sup> and NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> varied by more than 50%. From these data, it could be said that the comparison between the 21 stations using the two types of samplers were reliable as far as Na<sup>+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup> and SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> deposition was concerned.

#### Comparison of Sampling Period

In order to check the chemical and biological change of the components in the sampling period, polypropylene cylinders were set at the observation field of Meteorological College and kept for every 5 days and for one month in November 1987. The results are summarized in Table 1. The deposition amounts of Na<sup>+</sup>,  $Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Cl^-$ , and  $SO_4^{2-}$  were found to be the same within 10%, whether collected every 5 days or kept for 1 month, indicating no apparent change during this sampling period.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### The Ratio of Wet and Dry Deposition of Chemical Components at Kashiwa

Figure 2 shows the ratio of wet and dry deposition for Na<sup>+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, and  $SO_4^{2-}$ , which were calculated from the data of total deposition and wet only deposition for June, July, October and November 1987 at Kashiwa. The wet/dry

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Figure 2 The ratio of dry and wet deposition at Kashiwa.

ratio is usually influenced by the meteorological conditons of the sampling site, such as the amount of precipitation or seasonal wind direction. At Kashiwa, however, Na<sup>+</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup> were found to be fallen mainly by wet deposition (68% of the total for both ions). These ions were supposed to come mainly from sea salts. On the other hand, dry deposition were found to be equally or more important than wet deposition for  $SO_4^{2-}$ , Ca<sup>2+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup>. Those ions are supposed to come from anthropogenic origin or soil material.

## Deposition of $Na^+$ , $Cl^-$ , and $SO_4^{2-}$ at 21 Stations in June and October 1987

The results are summarized in Table 2. In June the amount of precipitation was much less than that of normal years, though this was the rainy season in Japan.<sup>10</sup> In October, at Maizuru and Takamatsu, sample solutions overflowed because of heavy rains caused by a typhoon, thus the data were lacking for these stations. As shown in Table 2, the deposition amount of these components differed greatly between these two months at the stations on the Japan Sea side of Honshu, while at the stations on the Pacific side of Honshu and Kyushu, they did not differ so much.

From these data the deposition amount of excess sulfate was calculated as follows:

$$SO_4^2$$
 (excess) =  $SO_4^2$  – Na<sup>+</sup> ×  $SO_4^2$  (sea salt)/Na<sup>+</sup>(sea salt)

Table 2 also shows the amount of the deposition of  $SO_4^{2-}$  (excess) at 21 stations in Japan in milligrams per square metre per day. In addition, Figure 3 shows the same amount represented by the size of the circle on the map of the Japanese Archipelago. As shown in Figure 3, the deposition of  $SO_4^{2-}$  (excess) was large at

	June 1987			$SO_{4}^{2}(ex.)$	October 1987			$SO_4^{2-}(ex.)$
	Na <sup>+</sup>	Cl-	SO4-	(mg/m <sup>2</sup> /day)	Na <sup>+</sup>	Cl-	SO4-	$(mg/m^2/day)$
	$(mg/m^2)$	(month)						
Wakkanai	224	1090	125	2.3	1280	2840	804	15.5
Asahikawa*	_				199	389	555	16.3
Sapporo	130	207	656	20.8	150	305	277	7.7
Hakodate <sup>a</sup>	21	40	163	5.3	193	417	417	11.6
Akita <sup>a</sup>	92	140	351	10.9	560	1554	488	11.2
Morioka <sup>a</sup>	13	40	185	6.1	82	186	197	5.7
Sendai	82	195	338	10.6	53	118	259	7. <del>9</del>
Fukushima*	18	47	214	7.0	25	63	223	7.0
Niigata*	33	77	254	8.2	499	1050	518	12.7
Wajima	117	251	201	5.7	575	1193	375	7.4
Utsunomiya <sup>a</sup>	22	85	307	10.0	23	61	173	5.4
Kashiwa*	126	228	376	11.5	72	242	422	13.0
Tokyo	119	268	758	24.3	208	428	1052	32.3
Maizuru <sup>a</sup>	116	203	442	13.8	_	_	_	
Yonago	68	170	378	12.0	845	1670	476	8.5
Osaka*	52	193	554	18.0	79	210	367	11.2
Takamatsu <sup>a</sup>	34	74	366	11.9	_	_	_	_
Fukuoka	49	191	451	14.6	276	565	353	9.1
Kagoshima*	193	2122	986	32.1	337	1810	3216	101.0
Naze <sup>a</sup>	217	619	285	7.7	842	1610	673	14.8
Ishigaki	1420	1770	701	11.4	261	497	139	2.4

Table 2 Deposited amount of chemical components at 21 stations in Japan

"Average of duplicates.



Figure 3 Deposition amount of  $SO_4^{2-}$  (excess) on the Japanese Archipelago. Circles show the relative amount of  $SO_4^{2-}$  (excess);  $\oplus$ :  $10 \text{ mg/m}^2/\text{day}$ .

industrialized big cities such as Tokyo and Osaka, except for Kagoshima. At Kagoshima, an extraordinarily high amount of  $Cl^{-}(excess)$  was observed (Table 2), which suggests that the volcanic activity of Mount Sakurajima was also responsible for the high amount of  $SO_4^{2-}(excess)$ .

It is known that the volcanic gas of this region has high concentrations of HCl as well as  $SO_2$ .<sup>11</sup> The contribution of volcanic gas components to the wet and dry depositions of Cl<sup>-</sup> and  $SO_4^2$  at Kagoshima was highly possible, because the volcano was reported to be very active during these sampling periods.<sup>12</sup>

Galloway et al.<sup>9</sup> have noted that large uncertainties are often associated with the calculation of excess  $SO_4^{2-}$  or  $Cl^-$  owing to analytical errors. Detailed discussions on the small values of  $SO_4^{2-}$  (excess) and  $Cl^-$  (excess), hence, might be confusing. However, the typical characteristics shown here as those of Kagoshima compared with Tokyo and Osaka can be a useful index. The fairly high amount of  $Cl^-$  (excess) observed at Wakkanai, which was not accompanied with high  $SO_4^{2-}$  (excess), could have been caused by some analytical errors, which will be discussed again after more continuous observations.

Figure 4 shows the windroses of the most dominant wind of each day at each station for these months.<sup>10</sup> Generally, oceanic wind dominated at most stations in June 1987, while in October 1987 wind from inland directions were added to it. These features of wind directions are similar to those of normal years for these stations. The deposition amount of  $SO_4^{2-}(excess)$  decreased in rural areas apparently as a function of the distance from the big industrialized cities, and no typical relationship was observed with the wind direction at these sites. It could be thus concluded that, in general, the distance from the source may be a stronger factor than wind direction in deciding the amount of long-term  $SO_4^{2-}(excess)$  deposition. For every rain or snow sample, however, local wind systems could be one of the more important factors for determining the deposition amounts.

At Kagoshima, the sampling site is located west of Mount Sakurajima, which was reported to be active in these two months.<sup>12</sup> The easterlies probably carried air containing volcanic ejecta to the sampling site which caused the exceptionally high depositions of  $SO_4^{2-}$  (excess) and Cl<sup>-</sup> (excess).

#### Deposition Over the Ocean

In Figure 1, the route map is also shown for cruises Ry8706, Ry8709, Ry8710 and Ry8801 of the RV *Ryofu maru*, a ship of the Japan Meteorological Agency. Table 3 shows the data obtained for each sampling interval. The concentration of Na<sup>+</sup> was used to check contamination by seawater spray. When this value exceeded 50 mg/l, some contamination by seawater was suspected. These samples are not listed in Table 3; neither are those samples affected by ship activities such as upper deck washing or painting. Samples taken in port were also omitted. The deposition amount of these chemical components was higher when the precipitation was recorded. The amount of precipitation was recorded by a special pluviometer designed for use on the deck of a ship.<sup>13</sup>

Almost no data are available for the deposition of these chemical components over these regions of the Pacific Ocean, except those of aerosols.<sup>14</sup>



Figure 4 Windroses for the 21 sampling stations on the Japanese Archipelago.

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Date		Sampling location	Na <sup>+</sup>	CI-	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	$SO_4^{2-}(ex.)$ $(mg/m^2/day)$
			(mg/m²/month)			(mg/m /uuy)
1987						
June	10–14	34 57 N, 139 43 E-30 00 N, 155 00 E	392	816	123	<b>6</b> .1
	14-18	3000 , 15500 -1315 , 15500	55	119	21	1.9
	20-24	5 38 , 154 58 – 4 49 S, 153 43	488	1020	161	9.5
	25-29	4 13 S, 152 11 – 3 43 , 148 25	490	891	148	6.2
	29-Jul. 1	343,14825 – ,	d	eck wash	ing	
Jul.	2–7	300 N, 13700 -1025 N, 12742	92	230	43	5.0
	7-14	1025 , 12742 -1020 , 12354	in Cebu			
	14-19	1018 , 12354 -1432 , 13700	145	306	56	4.0
	19–24	1432 , 13700 -3116 , 13703	15	36	12	1.7
	24-29	31 16 , 137 03 -35 33 , 139 49	22	41	38	6.4
Sep.	14-16	3508 , 13946 -3535 , 13956	91	185	52	14.6
-	16-19	35 35 , 139 56 -33 05 , 139 45	297	611	104	9.7
	19-21	33 05 , 139 45 -35 35 , 139 50	S	ea spray		
Oct.	3-7	35 33 , 139 49 -29 53 , 135 36	181	255	63	5.9
	7-11	29 53 , 135 36 -32 21 , 124 00	108	196	73	11.5
	11-15	32 21 , 124 00 - 34 55 , 123 55	S	ea spray		
	15-20	3455 , 12355 -3604 , 12020	S	ea spray		
	2023	3604 , 12020 - 3604 , 12020	ir	h Ching 1	Гао	
	23–27	3604 , 12020 -3523 , 12318	S	ea spray		
	27-31	35 23 , 123 18 -31 30 , 127 58	101	176	52	6.5
1988						
Jan.	16-20	3446 , 13914 -2307 , 13659	S	ea spray		
	20-24	23 07 , 136 59 -12 56 , 136 54	285	597	97	6.3
	24-28	1256 , 13654 - 544 , 13700	317	656	84	1.0
	28-Feb. 1	544 , 13700 - 803 , 13331	216	372	71	8.5
Feb.	1-5	803 , 133 31 -26 14 , 127 41	S	ea spray		
	5-10	2614 , 12741 -2614 , 12741	iı	n Naha		
	10-14	26 14 , 127 41 -34 13 , 140 52	425	892	198	22.8
	14-18	34 10 , 140 55 -35 33 , 139 49	117	213	96	16.5

Table 3 Deposited amount of chemical components over the ocean

The deposition amounts of  $SO_4^{2-}(excess)$  per day were also calculated, similarly to those on land. Figure 5 shows the deposition amount of  $SO_4^{2-}$  on the ocean calculated from Table 3, together with the average deposition amount for two months on the Japanese Archipelago (Table 2). As seen from Figure 5, the strongest source areas of  $SO_4^{2-}(excess)$  are Tokyo and Osaka which are on the Pacific side of Honshu. Depending upon the distance, the deposition amount decreased, though the exact comparison between land and ocean values is difficult because the collecting efficiency on the moving ship might not be the same as that on the land. Near the equatorial area, the deposition amounts seem to be slightly higher. This may be because more rainfall occurred in that area than in the northern area.

Another strong source is the volcano Mount Sakurajima, which caused the high deposition of  $SO_4^{2-}$  (excess) at Kagoshoima. The volcano can be distinguished from anthropogenic sources, because it is accompanied by high Cl<sup>-</sup> (excess). Judging



Figure 5 Deposition amount of  $SO_4^{2-}$  (excess) on the western North Pacific together with the same amount on the Japanese Archipelago. Circles show the relative amount of  $SO_4^{2-}$  (excess);  $\bigcirc$ :  $25 \text{ mg/m}^2/\text{day}$ .

from this point of view, the amount of volcanic  $SO_4^{2-}$  seemed to be smaller than that of industrial origin.

#### CONCLUSIONS

A simple polypropylene cylinder, containing a certain amount of distilled water, set in the observation field or on the deck of a research vessel has been found to be effective for the evaluation of simultaneous chemical deposition at various sites, especially for  $SO_4^{2-}$ ,  $Cl^-$  and  $Na^+$ .

Deposition amounts of  $SO_4^{2-}$  (excess) were calculated at 21 stations on land and 16 areas over the ocean. Industrialized big cities on the Pacific side of Honshu, with high populations, were the strongest sources of anthropogenic  $SO_4^{2-}$ . Distance from the source might be the more important factor for the determination of deposition amount rather the local wind direction of each sampling site.

Another strong source of  $SO_4^2$  (excess) was a volcano, which could be identified by the accompanying high deposition of Cl<sup>-</sup>(excess). In this observation, Mount Sakurajima was found to be one such source.

For future study, more stations on land and over the ocean will provide more detailed deposition maps. Seasonal variations of the deposition amount at these stations are also needed for more detailed discussions, especially over the ocean.

In the study of acid rain in Japan, it should be emphasized that the contribution

of  $NO_3^-$  is equally important to that of  $SO_4^-$  (excess). In this sampling and analytical system, however, chemical and biological changes of nitrogenous compounds was suspected.<sup>15</sup> Some possible fixing chemicals for  $NO_3^-$  preservation or field determination method on board should therefore be developed for further study.

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